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MORGAN COUNTY'S MORROW CEMETERY ADDED TO ALABAMA HISTORIC CEMETERY REGISTER

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Morrow Cemetery near the Six-Mile community to the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register.

"The cemetery register is a prestigious listing of historic cemeteries in Alabama," said Lee Anne Wofford, cemetery program coordinator. "The AHC considers the notable historic cemeteries in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition."

There are now nine cemeteries in Morgan County listed on the Alabama Historic Cemetery Register, which features 308 cemeteries statewide.

The first burial was that of Robert Morrow, Revolutionary War soldier, who died in 1820. His wife, Jane Peden Morton Morrow, was buried here in 1830. Robert & Jane Morrow are considered the patriarchs of the Morrow family in Alabama, who emigrated from South Carolina to Alabama in 1817. Many members of the Morrow family are buried here.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Historic Cemetery Program that gives aid to the general public, government officials, civic groups, and others in identifying, documenting, registering, and conserving Alabama's historic cemeteries.

The Alabama Historic Cemetery Register officially recognizes and honors family and community cemeteries that were established at least 40 years ago.

Listing in the state cemetery register is an honorary designation imposing no restrictions on property owners. State law protects all cemeteries from willful desecration and destruction.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission**, the **State Historic Preservation Office**.*

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